

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 6

March 16, 2016

SUBJECT: **VARIOUS MANUAL SECTIONS APPLICABLE TO PERSONS WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS – RENAMED AND REVISED; PRIVATE PERSONS’ REQUEST FOR INFORMATION AND TRANSPORTATION OF A FEMALE WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS TO A STATE HOSPITAL – DELETED; WELFARE CHECK FOR A PERSON SUSPECTED OF SUFFERING FROM A MENTAL ILLNESS - ESTABLISHED; INCIDENTS INVOLVING PERSONS SUSPECTED OF SUFFERING FROM A MENTAL ILLNESS - FIELD NOTEBOOK DIVIDER, FORM 18.47.00 – REVISED; AND, RELEASE OF FIREARM ADVISEMENT, FORM 10.10.06 – ACTIVATED**

BACKGROUND: In 2013, the California Legislature passed Senate Bill No. 364, which amended several sections of the Welfare and Institution Code (WIC) relating to persons with a mental illness. The Department has reviewed the new amendments and determined that officers must take reasonable precautions to safeguard the personal property of persons suffering from a mental illness.

PURPOSE: This Order revises various Department Manual sections applicable to persons with a mental illness; deletes Department Manual Section 4/260.10, *Private Persons’ Request for Information* and 4/260.55, *Transportation of a Mental Illness to a State Hospital*; and, establishes Department Manual Section 4/260.17, *Welfare Check for a Person Suspected of Suffering from a Mental Illness*. Additionally, this Order updates the Incidents Involving Persons Suspected of Suffering from a Mental Illness - Field Notebook Divider, Form 18.47.00, and activates the Release of Firearm Advisement, Form 10.10.06. The Release of Firearm Advisement informs parties who reside with and/or a caretaker for a person described in California Penal Code Sections 29800(a)(1) or 29805(a), or a person described in WIC Sections 8100 or 8103 of their ineligibility to own, possess or have access to a firearm or other deadly weapon(s). Person(s) who sign this form acknowledge that they understand the prohibitions imposed on the person named on the form.

PROCEDURE:

- I. VARIOUS MANUAL SECTIONS APPLICABLE TO PERSONS WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS – RENAMED AND REVISED.** Attached are several revised Department Manual sections pertaining to persons with a mental illness with the revisions indicated in italics.
- II. PRIVATE PERSONS’ REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – DELETED.** Department Manual Section 4/260.10, *Private Persons’ Request for information*, and Department Manual Section 4/260.55, *Transportation of a Female with a Mental Illness to a State Hospital* have been deleted.
- III. WELFARE CHECK FOR PERSON SUSPECTED OF SUFFERING FROM A MENTAL ILLNESS – ESTABLISHED.** Department Manual Section 4/260.17, *Welfare Check for a Person Suspected of Suffering from a Mental Illness*, has been established and is attached to this Order.

IV. INCIDENTS INVOLVING PERSON SUSPECTED OF SUFFERING FROM A MENTAL ILLNESS – FIELD NOTEBOOK DIVIDER, FORM 18.47.00 – REVISED. The Incidents Involving Persons Suspected of Suffering from Mental Illness – Field Notebook Divider, Form 18.47.00, has been revised to reflect the various Department Manual updates related to persons with a mental illness.

V. RELEASE OF FIREARM ADVISEMENT, FORM 10.10.06 – ACTIVATED. The Release of Firearm AdviseMENT, Form 10.10.06, has been activated.

A. Use of Form. This form will be used to inform parties or caretakers who reside with a person described in California Code Penal Sections 29800(a)(1) or 29805(a), or a person described in WIC Sections 8100 or 8103 of their ineligibility to own, possess or have access to a firearm or other deadly weapon. Person(s) who sign this form acknowledge that they understand the prohibitions on the person named on the form.

B. Completion. The completion of this form is self-explanatory.

C. Distribution.

1 – Original, Facsimile (Fax) and forward the original via Department mail to the Mental Evaluation Unit.

1 – TOTAL

FORM AVAILABILITY: A copy of the Release of Firearm AdviseMENT and the Incidents Involving Persons Suspected of Suffering from a Mental Illness - Field Notebook Divider are attached for immediate use and duplication and are available in E-Forms on the Department's Local Area Network (LAN). All other versions of the Incidents Involving Persons Suspected of Suffering from a Mental Illness – Field Notebook Divider shall be marked "obsolete" and placed in the divisional recycling bin.

AMENDMENTS: This Order amends Sections 4/260.20, 4/260.25, 4/260.40, 4/260.50, 4/260.52, and 4/260.60; establishes Section 4/260.17; and, deletes Section 4/260.10 and 4/260.55 of the Department Manual. The "Form Use" link applicable to the Release of Firearm AdviseMENT is accessible in E-Forms on the Department's LAN.

AUDIT RESPONSIBILITY: The Commanding Officer, Audit Division, shall review this directive and determine whether an audit or inspection shall be conducted in accordance with Department Manual Section 0/080.30.



CHARLIE BECK
Chief of Police

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260. PERSONS WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS.

260.15 MENTAL EVALUATION UNIT NOTIFICATIONS. Any incident commander, crisis negotiation team, or officer who is in charge of an attempted suicide, barricaded suspect, or hostage incident shall notify the Mental Evaluation Unit, Detective Support and Vice Division, for information regarding the involved person.

260.17 WELFARE CHECK FOR A PERSON SUSPECTED OF SUFFERING FROM A MENTAL ILLNESS. *When an officer receives information that a welfare check is being requested for a person suspected of suffering from a mental illness, the officer, when reasonable, shall conduct a search of the Department of Justice (DOJ), Automated Firearms System (AFS), via the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS), to determine whether the person is a registered owner of a firearm, per Penal Code Section 11106.4.*

260.20 TAKING PERSONS WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS INTO CUSTODY. When the only reason for detention is the person's suspected mental illness, *the Mental Evaluation Unit (MEU) shall be contacted prior to transporting an apparently mentally ill person to any health facility or hospital.*

Exception: In those situations where the subject is injured and requires immediate medical treatment, *the MEU shall be contacted after the subject is transported to an appropriate medical facility. Officers shall fax or forward via Department mail a copy of the 72-hour Detention for Evaluation and Treatment Application to the MEU.*

When a person is taken into custody for a criminal offense and the person is suspected of having a mental illness, the MEU shall be contacted prior to the person being booked. When a subject is a suspect in a felony or high-grade misdemeanor crime, or has a felony or high-grade misdemeanor warrant, the criminal matters shall take precedence. If the subject is under arrest for a low-grade misdemeanor crime, misdemeanor warrant, or infraction, and meets the criteria for an Application for 72-hour Detention for Evaluation and Treatment, booking is at the discretion of the Area watch commander. Arrestees suffering from mental illness may be booked at any Department jail facility. Brief information concerning the mental illness should be documented in any booking reports and under the "Additional" heading in the Arrest Report.

The MEU, Detective Support and Vice Division, is available for advice and assistance in facilitating the transfer of the subject to a Los Angeles County jail facility. Any questions concerning the arrest, booking, housing, or transfer of an individual suspected of suffering from a mental illness should be directed to the MEU Watch Commander. If the subject is not booked for the criminal offense, officers shall complete the appropriate criminal Investigative Report (IR).

Upon request, uniformed officers shall assist the Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act-designated County Psychiatric Mobile Response Teams, *LPS designated mental health clinician*, or the court-designated conservator, *or the court mandated treatment provider*, in the apprehension of persons suffering from a mental illness or violent *patients with mental illness* who are being placed on a mental health hold.

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260.25 FIREARMS OR OTHER DEADLY WEAPONS IN POSSESSION OF PERSONS WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS. *Whenever a person, who has been detained or apprehended for examination of his/her mental condition or who is a person described in Welfare and Institution Code (WIC) Section 8100 or 8103, is found to own, or have in his/her possession or under his/her control, any firearm whatsoever, or any other deadly weapon, shall be confiscated by any law enforcement agency. Officers shall retain custody of the firearm or other deadly weapon and follow procedures for booking firearms (Department Manual Section 4/540.30).*

Where the detention or apprehension of a person for examination of his/her mental condition or who is a person described in WIC Sections 8100 or 8103 occurs either inside or outside the person's residence or other premises, and where officers have reasonable cause to believe (based on the totality of facts and circumstances known to the officer at the time of the detention) that the detainee owns, possesses, or has under his/her control a firearm or any other deadly weapon, the officer shall:

- *Where practical, attempt to obtain valid consent from either the detainee, a cohabitant or other person with standing within the residence or premises to enter and search the location in order to confiscate the firearms/deadly weapon(s);*
- *Absent consent to search, officers shall only confiscate firearms or other deadly weapons from the person of the detainee, the area immediately within the detainee's wingspan, or within the plain view of the officer in the area where the detention/apprehension occurred; and,*
- *Obtain a search warrant, pursuant to California Penal Code Section 1524(a) (10), authorizing confiscation of all other firearms or other deadly weapons pursuant to WIC Section 8102, outside the parameters identified above.*

*If a firearm or other deadly weapon within the residence or premises is owned by a person **other than** the person being detained or apprehended pursuant to WIC Sections 5150, 8100 or 8103, **and** the firearm or deadly weapon is secured and not accessible to the person being detained, officers must not seize the firearm or other deadly weapon. The officer(s) shall provide the owner a Release of Firearm Advisement, Form 10.10.06, which provides him/her with an overview of the law and the responsibilities delineated within WIC Section 8101.*

Note: *Searches for the **purpose of public safety** cannot be utilized by law enforcement in furtherance of a criminal investigation (People v. Sweig, 2008_Cal.App.4th).*

The Receipt and Notice of Right for Confiscated Firearms/Other Deadly Weapons, Form 10.10.05, shall be completed by the officer and given to any person with a mental illness from whom a firearm(s) or other deadly weapon(s) has been seized. Officers must telephonically notify the Mental Evaluation Unit (MEU), Detective Support and Vice Division, of the seizure of any firearms or deadly weapons. Officers shall ensure that copies of the Receipt and Notice of Rights for Confiscated Firearms/Other Deadly Weapons and reports associated with the confiscation are forwarded to the MEU/Case Assessment Management Program (CAMP) Unit, as soon as practicable. This will prevent persons with a mental illness from recovering their

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firearm(s) or *deadly* weapon(s) before they have been judged competent to own a firearm(s) or *other deadly* weapon(s). Additionally, because of the legal complexities of the WIC, and in the interest of public safety, officer(s) shall contact *the MEU/CAMP Unit* for guidance **prior** to releasing a confiscated firearm(s) or *other deadly* weapon(s) *which has been confiscated pursuant to WIC Section 8102*.

260.40 TRANSPORTATION OF PERSONS WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS - REQUEST FOR AMBULANCE. Officers shall request an ambulance to transport persons with a mental illness only:

- If the person is violent and requires restraint to the extent that *he/she* must be transported in a recumbent position; or,
- If the person is injured or physically ill and is in need of immediate medical attention.

Note: Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) personnel cannot refuse a request for transportation *made pursuant to the above circumstances*. If LAFD personnel refuse to transport a subject, the officers shall request a *LAPD and LAFD* supervisor to assist with resolving the issue.

260.46 ACCOMPANYING PERSONS WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS. When a person with a mental illness is transported by ambulance, at least one officer shall ride in the ambulance with the person.

260.50 ENTERING *PSYCHIATRIC* WARD - WEAPONS TO BE CHECKED. When a person with a mental illness is taken to any locked *psychiatric* ward, the transporting officers shall secure their weapons at the Admittance Office, other approved holding facility, or other location of safety, before accompanying the person *into the psychiatric ward*.

Note: Weapons shall include, but are not limited to, firearms, knives, tasers, *Oleoresin Capsicum* sprays, and batons.

260.52 PERSON CONFINED IN *PSYCHIATRIC* WARD, LOS ANGELES COUNTY - USC MEDICAL CENTER - PROPERTY DISPOSITION. When a person is confined in the Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center *psychiatric* ward, his/her personal property shall accompany him/her.

Arrestee to *Psychiatric* Ward. When the person to be confined is an arrestee, the deputy sheriff or the hospital attendant receiving the arrestee shall be given the arrestee's personal property, *including articles with which he/she might injure himself/herself or others* and shall be required to sign a Property Receipt, Form 10.03.00. *The transporting officer(s) shall submit the Property Receipt to the Area Records Unit.*

Exception: Firearms or *other deadly weapons* shall be booked as evidence (*Manual Section 4/260.25*). *This includes items possessed and used by the person during the initial police mental health contact, which may be of a public safety concern. This also includes items*

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such as replica firearm(s), crossbow(s), sword(s), and other items which could be used as a deadly weapon or may result in an application of deadly force by officer(s).

Non-arrestee to Psychiatric Ward. When the person to be confined is not an arrestee, officers taking the person into custody for evaluation, must take reasonable precautions to preserve and safeguard the personal property in the possession of or on the premises occupied by the person or within a reasonable time thereafter, unless a responsible relative, guardian or conservator of the person is in possession of the person's personal property. Upon arrival at the psychiatric ward, transporting officers shall:

- Release to the attendant any articles *with which the individual might injure himself/herself* that have been taken from the person with a mental illness;

Exception: Firearms or other deadly weapons shall be booked as evidence (Manual Section 4/260.25). *This includes items possessed and used by the person during the initial police mental health contact, which may be of a public safety concern. This also includes items such as replica firearm(s), crossbow(s), sword(s), and other items which could be used as a deadly weapon or may result in an application of deadly force by officer(s).*

- Remain in the presence of the person with a mental illness while he/she is searched by the attendant; *and*
- Complete the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Patient Property Receipt, County Form No. MH-331, *or the Patient Property Receipt provided by the facility. Once completed, give the original receipt to the hospital staff and retain a copy of the receipt.*

Note The transporting officer shall write the MEU No. provided to them in the upper left corner of any receipt(s) and submit to the Area Records Unit.

260.60 APPREHENSION AND TRANSPORTATION ORDER SERVICE. A State of California Department of Mental Health Apprehension and Transportation Order (A&T Order) issued to the Department shall be processed by the Mental Evaluation Unit (MEU), Detective Support and Vice Division, and forwarded to the *involved* Area. The *involved* Area commanding officer shall ensure that officers are assigned to execute the A&T Order.

If the assigned officers are unsuccessful at executing the A&T Order, the officers shall complete a Missing/Found Persons Investigation Report, Form 03.16.00.

Officers assigned to apprehend a person named on an A&T Order shall contact the MEU prior to discharging their duties.

Note: Section 7325 of the Welfare and Institutions Code requires that the Department, upon receipt of an A&T Order issued by the State Department of Mental Health, shall apprehend, take into custody and deliver the person named in the order to a place authorized by the State Department of Mental Health.

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When practicable, the apprehension of a person with a mental illness, pursuant to an A&T Order, shall be made during daylight hours.

Juveniles. Juveniles shall be transported to a location designated by the *MEU*

Adults. Adults shall be transported to the *issuing* hospital, or to the Metropolitan State Hospital, 11401 Bloomfield Avenue, Norwalk, California.

INCIDENTS INVOLVING PERSONS SUSPECTED OF SUFFERING FROM A MENTAL ILLNESS

The purpose of this Field Notebook Divider is to summarize general guidelines when dealing with a person suspected of suffering from a mental illness.

5150 Welfare and Institutions Code

An Application for a 72-hour Detention for Evaluation and Treatment Form may be initiated when an officer conducts an assessment of a person believed to be suffering from a mental illness and the officer concludes there is **probable cause to believe** any or all of the following conditions exist:

1. **DANGER TO SELF: Due to a mental disorder**, a person has threatened, attempted, or does physical harm to themselves, or has engaged in behavior, which deliberately or otherwise, has a likely consequence to cause harm to themselves.
2. **DANGER TO OTHERS: Due to a mental disorder**, a person has threatened, attempted, or does harm to others, or has engaged in behavior, which deliberately or otherwise, has a likely consequence to harm others.
3. **GRAVELY DISABLED: Due to a mental disorder**, the person is unable to appropriately provide basic personal needs such as food, clothing, or shelter. This inability *must* be due to a mental disorder and not merely a lifestyle or personal choice.

Note: Section 5585 Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) is used for juveniles.

Conducting an Assessment

In order to determine if a person meets the criteria for an application for an evaluation pursuant to 5150 or 5585 WIC, officers should conduct an assessment of the individual. Questions should be clear, concise, and asked in a calm, non-threatening manner. Officers should take into consideration medications, or lack thereof, when conducting an assessment.

5150.05 Welfare and Institutions Code Available and Relevant Information

When determining if probable cause exists to take a person into custody pursuant to 5150 or 5585 WIC, officers *shall* consider available relevant information from any mental health provider, or other credible person, including family members or witnesses. The subject's prior mental health history may be taken into consideration, however, it solely would not merit a subsequent involuntary psychiatric hospitalization.

When conducting an assessment of a person suspected of suffering from a mental illness, officers should ask any relevant questions to determine if an application for an evaluation should be initiated. The following suggested questions are provided as a guideline:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> How are you feeling today? | <input type="checkbox"/> How do you care for yourself? (i.e., as lodging, income, work) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Are you taking any medications? Are you still taking them and what are they? Inspect the medication. | <input type="checkbox"/> Do you have a doctor, counselor, or therapist? (What is his/her name?) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Are you hearing voices others can't hear? If so, what are the voices saying to you? | <input type="checkbox"/> What do you plan to do when/if we leave? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do you want to hurt or kill yourself or someone else? | <input type="checkbox"/> How is your sleep? How many hours do you sleep? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do you have a history of mental illness? If so, name the clinic or hospital where services have been obtained. | <input type="checkbox"/> Do you take street drugs? (If yes, what type?) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Have you ever been admitted into a psychiatric hospital or have you ever been hospitalized for a psychiatric reason? | <input type="checkbox"/> Have you recently suffered a traumatic episode? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Why were the police called today? | <input type="checkbox"/> Have you threatened or attempted to use violence or acted dangerously towards yourself or others? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do you have the means to hurt yourself? | <input type="checkbox"/> Do you have any family history of mental illness, or suicide attempts? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do you have access to weapons? | |

Field Encounters

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Control and assess the situation | <input type="checkbox"/> Notify the MEU at (213) 996-1300 (Manual Section 4/260.20). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Officers <i>shall</i> handcuff the subject. (Manual Section 4/217.36) | <input type="checkbox"/> A SMART Unit will be dispatched if available. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Complete the Field Interview Report, Form 15.43.00. | <input type="checkbox"/> If NOT AVAILABLE, a MEU number will be issued. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conduct a Want and Warrant check. | <input type="checkbox"/> Complete the Application for 72-hour Detention for Evaluation and Treatment Form (MH 302). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Check the Automatic Firearm System (AFS) (NECS system) for firearms. | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide advisement pursuant to Section 5150(f)(1) WIC, also located on top right of Application for 72-hour Detention for Evaluation and Treatment Form (MH 302). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interview family, neighbors, and witnesses. | <input type="checkbox"/> Transport the subject to the designated facility. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> If firearm is present, seize and book pursuant to Section 8102 WIC. | <input type="checkbox"/> Fax and gray mail (Mail Stop 400) a copy of the completed Application Form to (213) 996-1320. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interview the subject. | |

Note: Upon request, uniformed officers shall assist the Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act-designated County Psychiatric Mobile Response Teams, LPS designated mental health clinician, the court-designated conservator, or court mandated treatment provider in the apprehension of persons suffering from a mental illness, or violent mental patients who are being placed on a mental health hold (Manual Section 4/260.20).

INCIDENTS INVOLVING PERSONS SUSPECTED OF SUFFERING FROM A MENTAL ILLNESS

TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR POLICE USE ONLY

LAPD MEU/SMART (213) 996-1300	MEU FAX (213) 996-1320	
LASD Inmate Reception Center (IRC) (213) 893-5324	LASD Century Regional Detention Facility (CDRF) (323) 568-4506	
Harbor UCLA Medical Center	1000 West Carson Street, Torrance, CA	Psychiatric ER (310) 222-3510
LA County USC Medical Center	1983 Marengo Street, Los Angeles, CA	Psychiatric (323) 409-6861
Olive View Medical Center	14445 Olive View Drive, Sylmar, CA	Psychiatric (818) 364-4433

Arrest and Booking

When a subject is a suspect in a felony crime or high-grade misdemeanor, or the subject has warrants, the criminal matters shall take precedence. If the subject is under arrest for a low grade misdemeanor, misdemeanor warrant, or infraction and meets the criteria for an Application for 72-Hour Detention for Evaluation and Treatment, booking is at the discretion of the Area watch commander. Arrestees suffering from mental illness may be booked at any Department jail facility. Brief information concerning the mental illness should be documented in any booking reports and under the "Additional" heading in the Arrest Report. The MEU Detective Support and Vice Division is available for advice and assistance in facilitating the transfer of the subject to a Los Angeles County jail facility. Any questions concerning the arrest, booking, housing, or transfer of an individual suspected of suffering from a mental illness should be directed to the MEU Watch Commander.

Notifications

When the only reason for detention is the person's suspected mental illness, the MEU **SHALL** be contacted **PRIOR** to transporting an apparently mentally ill person to any health facility or hospital. **Exception:** In those situations where the subject is injured and requires immediate medical treatment, the MEU *shall* be contacted after the subject is transported to an appropriate medical facility.

When a person with suspected mental illness has been taken into custody for a criminal offense, the MEU **SHALL** be contacted **PRIOR** to the person being booked (Department Manual Section 4/260.20).

When an officer receives information that a welfare check is being requested for a person suspected of suffering from a mental illness, the officer, when reasonable, shall conduct a search of the Department of Justice (DOJ), Automated Firearms System (AFS), via the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS), to determine whether the person is a registered owner of a firearm, per Penal Code Section 11106.4.

Officers who receive information from a mental health professional regarding a potential threat to any person (Tarasoff Notification) *shall* immediately notify the MEU.

Hospital or Psychiatric Facility Patients

When an Los Angeles Fire Department Rescue Ambulance unit has transported a person to a medical facility for medical reasons due to a suicide attempt, officers are required to respond to the hospital and conduct an investigation. Officers should also advise the paramedics and the hospital staff that the subject requires a psychiatric evaluation by the hospital mental health staff or LA County Psychiatric Mobile Response Team (PMRT). Officers are not required to remain with the subject until the subject is medically cleared. Officers may be advised by the MEU to complete an application for an evaluation.

If a mentally ill person is a patient at any hospital, or secure facility, officers should not remove the subject from that facility. It is the facility staff's responsibility to arrange for the proper security and care for any patient in their facility. Officers may contact the MEU for advice.

Mandatory Confiscation and Custody of Firearms or Other Dangerous Weapons

Whenever a person who has been detained or apprehended for examination of his/her mental condition, or who is a person described in Sections 8100 or 8103 of the WIC, is found to own, has possession of, or is in control of, any firearm whatsoever, or any other deadly weapon, that firearm/deadly weapon shall be confiscated by any law enforcement peace officer/agency and shall retain custody of the firearm or other deadly weapon. "Deadly weapon," as used in this section is described in Section 8100 WIC. *A Receipt and Notice of Rights for Confiscated Firearms/Other Deadly Weapons, Form 10.10.05, must be issued for any weapons confiscated. Officers must telephonically notify the MEU of the seizure of firearms and be guided by the advice of the investigator on duty (Manual Section 4/260.25). A copy of any reports associated with the confiscation should be forwarded to the MEU/Case Assessment Management Program (CAMP) Unit, Stop No. 400, as soon as possible.*

If a firearm or other deadly weapon within the residence or premises is owned by a person **other than** the person being detained or apprehended pursuant to WIC Sections 5150, 8100 or 8103, **and** the firearm or deadly weapon is secured and not accessible to the person being detained, officers must not seize the firearm or other deadly weapon. The officer(s) shall provide the owner a Release of Firearm Advisement, Form 10.10.06, which provides him/her with an overview of the law and the responsibilities delineated within WIC Section 8101.

INCIDENTS INVOLVING PERSONS SUSPECTED OF SUFFERING FROM A MENTAL ILLNESS

Note: A copy of the patient Property Receipt and the Release of Firearm Advisement, Form 10.10.06 must be sent via Department mail to MEU.

Mental Illness Disposition Codes

Officers *SHALL* use one of the six mental illness-related incident disposition codes to clear all incidents dispatched as involving a person suspected of mental illness (e.g., "918-person with mental illness," "245-ADW suspect, possibly mentally ill").

1. **ARM - Arrest, Indication of Mental Illness**
Subject arrested, and exhibits indication of mental illness.
2. **HOM - Hospitalized/hold, Indication of Mental Illness**
Subject met California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5150 (5150 WIC) hold criteria and was hospitalized.
3. **REM - Referral, Indication of Mental Illness**
Subject exhibits signs of mental illness, but does not meet requirement for a hold or arrest; subject was released with referral advice.
4. **NMI - No Indication of Mental Illness**
Subject does not exhibit any indication of mental illness.
5. **ARN - Arrest, No Indication of Mental Illness**
Subject arrested, and does not exhibit any indication of mental illness.
6. **GOA - Gone on Arrival**
All parties [person(s) reporting or subject] cannot be located for officers to make a determination if mental illness is involved.

Referrals

When a person does not meet the criteria for 5150 WIC, consider providing referral information to the subject and his/her family. If the subject voluntarily wants to receive treatment, refer the subject to a psychiatric ER facility or urgent care center. These locations can be obtained from the MEU.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> LA County Mental Health/Crisis Help Line (800) 854-7771 | <input type="checkbox"/> Autism Society of America (562) 804-5556 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor Crisis Response Team, via RACR (213) 484-6700 | <input type="checkbox"/> Alzheimer's Safe Return (800) 272-3900 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LA County Suicide Prevention and Survivor Hotline/
<i>Didi Hirsch 24-hour Crisis Line (877) 727-4747</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Abuse Hotline (800) 540-4000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alzheimer's Association Help Line (800) 272-3900 | <input type="checkbox"/> Elder Abuse Hotline (800) 992-1660 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Teen Line (800) 852-8336 |

Critical Incidents

The MEU should be contacted by the first responding unit at a critical incident, such as a possible barricade, jumper, or other crisis where the psychological status of a subject, witness, or other involved person may be in question. Be prepared to give the MEU Desk the following information if available:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Synopsis of situation. | <input type="checkbox"/> From what direction should the SMART Team/CAMP Unit respond? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Subject's information, if known. | <input type="checkbox"/> Has Metropolitan Division been contacted? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Number of involved persons. | <input type="checkbox"/> Are they responding? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Command post location and telephone number, if available. | |

DR NO.: _____
MEU NO.: _____

**LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
RELEASE OF FIREARM ADVISEMENT**

You are hereby notified that the California Department of Justice records indicate that
Name: _____ DOB: _____ is a person not
eligible to own, possess or have access to a firearm or other deadly weapon. He/She is
a person described in California Penal Code Section 29800(a)(1) or 29805 (a), or as a
person described in Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section 8100 or 8103, or as a
person described in Section 922 of Chapter 44 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

California Welfare and Institutions Code

8101. (a) Any person who shall knowingly supply, sell, give, or allow possession
or control of a deadly weapon to any person described in Section 8100 or 8103
shall be punishable by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170
of the Penal Code, or in a county jail for a period of not exceeding one year, by a
fine of not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by both the fine and
imprisonment.

(b) Any person who shall knowingly supply, sell, give, or allow possession
or control of a firearm to any person described in Section 8100 or 8103 shall be
punished by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the
Penal Code for two, three, or four years.

(c) "Deadly weapon," as used in this section has the meaning prescribed
by Section 8100.

By signing this document you are acknowledging that you reside with (and/or) are a
caretaker for the person named above. You understand the prohibitions imposed on
the person named above and your responsibilities pursuant to the above code.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____